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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Naoya Hasegawa et al.
Appln. No.: 09/774,781

Filed: January 30, 2001
For: Spin-Valve Thin-Film Magnetic Element and Method for Making the Same

Attorney Docket No: 9281/3917

Examiner: George J. Letscher
Art Unit: 2653

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Office Action Dated October 26, 2004
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | Small Entity | | | Not a Small Entity | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----|--------------------|-----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | or | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | | Minus | | | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
| Indep. | | Minus | | | x 100= | | | x \$200= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | +\$360= | |
| | | | | | Total | \$ | | Total | \$ |

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
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Date

Respectfully submitted,

Gustavo Siller, Jr. (Reg. No. 32,305)

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Date of Signature

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 26, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on October 26, 2004, in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of Claims 1 – 6, 15 and 17 – 26 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.